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PART I

Punjab Government Notifications and Orders

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

(TOURISM BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 7th February, 2026

No.Tour-1/1/2026-3TC/56.-Whereas, the Punjab Bhagwan Valmik Ji Tirath Sthal (Ram Tirath) Shrine Board Act, 2016 (Punjab Act No. 58 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") has been enacted for better management, administration, governance and development of the Bhagwan Valmiki Ji Tirath Sthal (Ram Tirath) Shrine (hereinafter referred to as the Shrine) and its endowments;

Whereas, the Act envisages structured management of the Shrine through the statutory Board constituted under section 4 of the Act;

Whereas, during the course of implementation of the Act, it has been observed that structured consultative mechanisms with domain experts, community representatives and heritage specialists are required to facilitate informed decision-making in matters relating to pilgrim facilities, cultural preservation and developmental planning;

Whereas, the Act does not expressly provide for a consultative or advisory mechanism to assist the aforesaid Board in obtaining specialized inputs for effective implementation of the Act;

Whereas, the absence of such an advisory mechanism has resulted in practical difficulties in giving full effect to the objectives of the Act, particularly in the areas of heritage conservation, pilgrim management and tourism integration;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 38 of the Act and for the purpose of removing the difficulty aforesaid, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to order as under:–

1. **There shall be an Advisory Board** to render advice to the Punjab Bhagwan Valmik Ji Tirath Sthal (Ram Tirath) Shrine Board on such matters as may be referred to it by the Government or the Board.

2. **The Advisory Board** shall consist of one Chairman, one Vice-Chairman and three Members to be nominated by the Chairman of Punjab Bhagwan Valmik Ji Tirath Sthal (Ram Tirath) Shrine Board from amongst persons of eminence in the fields of heritage conservation, pilgrimage management, tourism development,

community service, or religious and cultural scholarship, who belong to Valmiki or Majhabi sikh community. General Manager of the Board shall be the Member Secretary of the Advisory Board.

3. The Advisory Board shall be a permanent body. However, its' tenure shall be for a period of two years and it may be extended further with the approval of the Government. Other terms and conditions, if any, shall be notified separately.

4. The Headquarter of the Advisory Board shall be at Amritsar. The Advisory Board may however, meet at any other place as and when considered necessary.

KUMAR AMIT, IAS
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Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs

Chandigarh
The 6th February, 2026

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